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SUBJ: MEETING OF AMBASSADOR, AID MISSION DIRECTOR WITH
COMMISSIONER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE

REF: KINSHASA 2582

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT I SUGGESTED
EARLY MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER OF STATE FOR AGRICUL-
TURE TO DISCUSS GOZ INTEREST IN AID SUPPORT
IN ZAIRE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.
AID DIRECTOR AND I MET 26 MARCH WITH COMMISSIONER KAYINGA
FOR LONG, SERIOUS AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL
AREAS OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN GOZ AND USG. AS FOLLOW-
UP, THE COMMISSIONER PROVIDED THREE-PAGE RESUME ENTITLED
QUOTE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES UNQUOTE.
COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN TRANSLATED AND POUCHED.

2. PROGRAMMING AREAS PROPOSED BY COMMISSIONER FOR USAID
COLLABORATION, IN ORDER PRESENTED FOLLOW:

(A) AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF TANGANYIKA SUB-REGION,
NORTH SHABA

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THIS IS GOZ TOP PRIORITY AND COMMISSIONER INDICATED THAT
DEPAG PLANNING OFFICE WOULD COMPLETE ITS BASIC STUDY

OF PROJECT WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS. ALTHOUGH COMMISSIONER DID NOT MENTION IT IN THIS VERBAL PRESENTATION, WE AWARE THAT HE HAS SOME DISSATISFACTION WITH PRESENT CHINESE RICE PROGRAMS. HE DID IN ORAL PRESENTATION ASK IF AID COULD ADD RICE PRODUCTION TO NORTH SHABA DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

COMMENT: THIS IS ZAIRE RURAL DEVELOPMENT - NORTH SHABA PROJECT FOR WHICH PID WAS SUBMITTED NOVEMBER 74. MISSION DIRECTOR RESPONDED THIS PROJECT HAS RECEIVED HIGH PRIORITY CONSIDERATION IN AID/W AND THAT AID PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE DETAILED PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STUDIES IN SUMMER 75 FOR PARTIAL PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION LATE 75, EARLY 76. INsofar AS RICE CONCERNED, I EXPRESSED SOME RESERVATIONS, AMONG THEM RELATIVE LACK OF US EXPERTISE IN UPLAND RICE, I'AM NOT INTEREST IN COMPETITION WITH CHINESE RICE PROGRAM AND I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT WRITTEN DOCUMENT DROPS RICE PROGRAM.

B. AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT, TSHILENGE ZONE, KASAI ORIENTAL DEPAG PLANNING OFFICE ALSO WORKING UP DEVELOPMENT PLAN, BUT PROJECT HAS SLIGHTLY LESS PRIORITY STATUS THAN SHABA. COMMENT: THIS IS TSHILENGE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR WHICH PID SUBMITTED NOVEMBER 74. WE INDICATED CONCURRENCE PRIORITY TSHILENGE RELATIVE TO SHABA, BUT STATED AID WAS CONTINUING PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND WOULD UNDERTAKE FURTHER FIELD STUDIES LOOKING TOWARD PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOWING INITIATION SHABA PROJECT.

C. FERTILIZER PRODUCTION

REQUEST REITERATED IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO SOLUTION TO ZAIRE FERTILIZER PROBLEMS AND STRONG DESIRE TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF FERTILIZER MIXING PLANT, EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION PLANT.

COMMENT: TVA FERTILIZER TEAM EXPECTED KINSHASA O/A APRIL 4 TO DEVELOP DETAILED ANALYSIS ZAIRE FERTILIZER SITUATION, STUDY FEASIBILITY MIXING PLANT, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOZ. WHILE PLANT FINANCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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OUTSIDE SCOPE OF AID PROGRAMMING, FINDING OF FEASIBILITY SHOULD HELP INTEREST PRIVATE FUNDING SOURCES OR SOFIDE OR IFC

D. SUPPORT TO NATIONAL AGRONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE (INERA)
GOZ REQUEST STATES QUOTE TO IMPROVE ORGANIZATION OF INSTITUTE AND QUALITY OF PURE AND APPLIED RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD, IT APPEARS INDISPENSABLE TO US TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS UNQUOTE.
COMMENT: THIS IS ENTIRELY NEW AND PERHAPS IMPORTANT

DEVELOPMENT FOR AID AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMMING. WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CIMMYT CORN RESEARCH PROGRAM. CURRENT DRAFT DAP UNDERLINES GROSS INADEQUACY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PARTICULARLY IN AREAS RELATING TO PROVISION OF IMPROVED SEEDS AND MODERN INPUTS. DAP GOES ON TO POINT OUT LACK OF RESEARCH ON MARKETING AND CALLS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO IMPROVEMENT OF INSTITUTIONS SUPPORTING FIELD PROJECTS AND SPECIFICALLY NAMING RESEARCH. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE OBTAINED IN THIS PROJECT AREA, PARTICULARLY FACTS RE BELGIAN, ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, AND UNDP INTEREST, BEFORE SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING RESPONSES CAN BE PLANNED. I DID MENTION AID SUPPORT MORE LIKELY FOR REGIONAL RESEARCH EFFORT LED BY PRIVATE GROUP SUCH AS ROCKEFELLER OR UNIVERSITY, THAN AS PURE BILATERAL EFFORT.

3. CEREAL MARKETING

IMPORTANCE REITERATED CEREAL MARKETING STUDY ALREADY REQUESTED. MISSION DIRECTOR RESPONDED THAT KANSAS STATE HAD BEEN SELECTED TO CONDUCT STUDY AND DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK HAS BEEN JOINTLY DRAFTED BY DEPAG AND KANSAS STATE ADVANCE PARTY. KANSAS STATE TEAM ETA IN KINSHASA O/A 1. MAY.

F. MARKETING OF NORTH KIVU AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

REQUEST FOR AID ASSISTANCE FOR STUDY WITH VIEW TO ESTABLISH REFRIGERATED MARKETING SYSTEM (TRUCKS, BOATS, WAREHOUSES)
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FORM NORTH KIVU TOWARDS KISANGANI AND KINSHASA, AND SOUTH SHABA.

COMMENT: THIS IS NEW REQUEST AND WE COULD RESPOND TO THIS PROMPTLY UNDER FINANCING ALREADY PROVIDED UNDER PROJECT 050 FOR THIS TYPE OF STUDY. MISSION IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING CANADIAN EFFORT IN THIS FIELD SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THEY ALSO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED RE AG DEVELOPMENT IN AREA. FRG IS ALSO ACTIVE IN KIVU, AND WE WOULD WANT TO COORDINATE BEFORE JUMPING.

G. SUPPORT TO LAKE TANGANYIKA FISHERIES COOPS

REITERATION OF MINAG SUPPORT FOR PROJECT CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY AND REQUEST FOR AID IN SOLVING PROBLEMS.

COMMENT: COMMISSIONER WAS INFORMED TEAM CURRENTLY COMPLETING PROJECT STUDY, AND WE SAW NO DIFFICULTIES IN MOVING AHEAD WITH PROJECT AS NOW ENVISAGED. FULL SOLUTION, HOWEVER, PROBABLY EXCEEDS AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

H. COUNTERPART FUNDS

COMMISSIONER ORALLY REQUESTED PL 480 ASSISTANCE FOR WHEAT IMPORTS. WRITTEN REQUEST, HOWEVER, IS ONLY FOR COUNTERPART FUNDS, DIRECTED TOWARD AG DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

COMMENT: COMMISSIONER WAS GIVEN LITTLE HOPE PL 480 ASSISTANCE.

3. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT TWO ITEMS (D,F) ARE COMPLETELY NEW. FIVE (A,B,C,E, G) INDICATED STRONG GOZ CONFIRMATION OF PROGRAM INITIATIVES ALREADY UNDER STUDY BY DEPAG AND MISSION.

4. WOARD END OF MEETING, COMMISSIONER ASKED IF WE HAD FURTHER THOUGHTS ON WAYS WE COULD COLLABORATE IN AGRICULTURAL SECOTR. I SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF FORMING US-GOZ WORKING COMMITTEE, DRAWING IN OFFICIALS, FROM RELEVANT GOZ AGENCIES, TO CONSIDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT WITH GOAL OF MUTUAL ANALYSIS, LOAN PRESENTATION, NEGOTIATION AND IMPLEMENTATION. AID DIRECTOR MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF AID HOSTING RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR IN ZAIRE WITH GOZ OFFICIALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND US AND OTHER EXPERTS WITH HOPE DIALOGUE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL BOTH SIDES. THIS THOUGHT REFLECTIVE OF DIRECTOR'S CONVERSATION WITH TED OWENS (TAB) IN AID/W DURING SPENCER'S RECENT CONSULTATION. COMMISSIONER APPEARED OPEN TO BOTH POINTS BUT WE LEFT MODALITIES FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS AND FOR INCLUSION IN WRITTEN REPLY.

5. WE FEEL DISCUSSION REFLECTS TOP LEVEL GOZ INTEREST IN OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO THEIR NEEDS QUOTE IN PRIORITY OF PRIORITIES UNQUOTE AG DEVELOPMENT FIELD. LETTER IN PREPARATION RESPONDING TO COMMISSIONER'S REQUESTS. WISH EMPHASIZE THAT CRUCIAL TO CONTINUED MOBUTU-INSPIRED DIALOGUE WITH DEPT OF AG WILL BE OUR ABILITY TO RESPOND IN RAPID FASHION. HENCE, STRONGLY URGE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMMING ALREADY UNDERWAY BY MISSION AND CONSIDERATION COMMISSIONER REQUESTS AS RECOMMENDED BY EMBASSY.
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